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For: METHOD FOR SUPPRESSING FUEL EVAPORATION FROM FUEL STORAGE
DEVICE, AND FUEL STORAGE DEVICE

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Sir:

RESPONSE

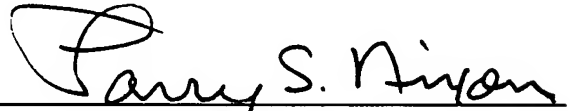
In response to the Office Action dated 06/22/2007 finding that applicant has claimed four different patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which is made “obvious” in view of any other or combination of others under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects for further substantive examination in the present application the patentably distinct species associated with Figure 5 and on which at least claims 2 and 4-8 are readable. In this regard, it is believed that, as the Examiner has already found, claims 1-3 are generic.

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Accordingly, a favorable action allowing all claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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